

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 7-8 with the following:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/715,638 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 17, 2000. U.S. now US Pat. No. 6,664,219

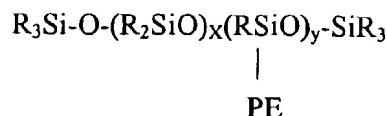
Application Serial No. 09/715,638 is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/228,633. filed Nov. 1, 1999 now US Pat. No. U.S. Application Serial No. 09/228,633 is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/782,336 6,164,296 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 13, 1997. U.S. now US Pat. No. 6,489,278

Application Serial No. 08/782,336 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/441,252 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 1995 and which is now abandoned. U.S. Application Serial No. 08/441,252 is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/176,541 that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 30, 1993 and which is now abandoned. U.S. Application Serial Nos. 09/228,633; 08/782,336; 08/441,252; and 08/176,541 are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please amend the specification at page 12, line 26 through page 13, line 3, by replacing the paragraph with the following new paragraph:

--Preferred nonionic surfactant used herein are the ethoxylated nonionics, both from the standpoint of availability and cleaning performance. Specific examples of alkoxylated nonionic surfactants include, but are not limited to a benzyl ether of a C₆₋₂₄ linear alcohol 5-15 mole ethoxylate, PLURAFAC® RA-40, a straight chain alcohol ethoxylate, Triton CF-21 an alkyl aryl polyether, Triton CF-54, a modified polyethoxy adduct, and others. Another example of an alkoxylated nonionic surfactant includes a benzyl capped C₈₋₁₂ linear alcohol 6 to 16 mole ethoxylate.--

Please amend the specification at page 13, lines 29-30, by replacing the formula with the following corrected formula:



Please amend the Specification at page 21, line 24 through page 22, line 14, by replacing the paragraph with the following corrected paragraph:

-- Other compositions which may be used as hardening agents with the composition of the invention include urea, also known as carbamide, and starches which have been made water soluble through an acid or alkaline treatment. Also useful are various inorganics which either impart solidifying properties to the present composition and can be processed into pressed tablets for carrying the alkaline agent. Such inorganic agents include calcium carbonate, sodium sulfate, sodium bisulfate, alkali metal phosphates, anhydrous sodium acetate and other known hydratable compounds. We have also found a novel hardening or binding agent for alkaline metal carbonate detergent compositions. We believe the binding agent comprises an amorphous complex of an organic phosphonate compound, sodium carbonate, and water. The proportions of this binding hardening agent is disclosed in copending U.S. Serial No. _____ U.S. Serial No. 08/781,493 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,177,392 on January 23, 2001 which is expressly incorporated by reference herein. This carbonate phosphate water binding agent can be used in conjunction with other hardening agents such as a nonionic, etc.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following new Abstract:

-- An alkaline detergent composition is provided including a source of alkalinity and an effective soil removing amount of a nonionic surfactant blend. The nonionic surfactant blend includes a nonionic surfactant having a hydrophobic and an (EO) group and a nonionic silicone surfactant. The detergent composition provides for the removal of waxy-fatty soil.--

A copy of the Abstract is provided on a separate sheet of paper.